

CyberRisk Validation Report – Juniper Networks Product Version: vSRX Premium Next Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection Published: 22 March 2024

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### 1. Introduction

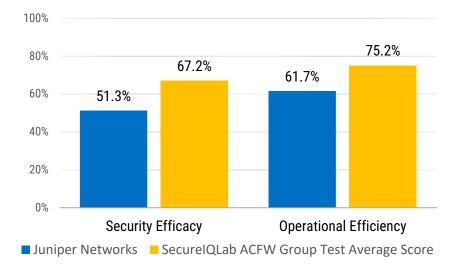


Figure 1. Summary Results for Juniper Networks vs the ACFW Group Test Scores

Advanced Cloud Firewalls (ACFW) protect the infrastructure that organizations depend on. These firewalls serve as a virtual shield. ACFWs use a proactive approach and are designed to simplify security.

SecureIQLab conducted testing for 12<sup>1</sup> leading enterprise-class ACFW solutions. This test was conducted in accordance with the Anti-Malware Testing Standards Organization<sup>2</sup> (AMTSO) test Standard. The maps to version v1.6 of the SecureIQLab Advanced Cloud Firewall CyberRisk Validation Methodology, AMTSO Test ID: AMTSO-LS1-TP070. It is the most comprehensive evaluation of its kind ever performed.

As part of this test, SecurelQLab completed testing Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection. This report discusses the test results for the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection, version 22.4R2.8, and includes validation of the following security modules and components: Anti-Spam, IDP Signature, APPID Signature, Anti-Virus with Sophos Engine, Web Filtering EWF, Virtual Appliance, and Cloud based Advanced Threat Prevention on SRX Firewall.

This report offers empirical data points on what to expect from the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection, highlighting features and business considerations. SecurelQLab's testing showcases the overall organizational value of the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection in security effectiveness and operational efficiency. Figure 1 highlights Juniper Networks' results in these two areas versus the group test averages.

As Figure 1 shows visually, Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection approached the average levels for both Security Efficacy and Operational Efficiency.

In writing this report, SecurelQLab has made extensive efforts to guarantee the accuracy of the results while straightforwardly presenting them. However, the test results are necessarily simplified to be presented for review in a summary format.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Testing was attempted on a total of 12 Advanced Cloud Firewall solutions. Please <u>click here</u> for details.

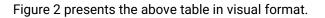
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Standards https://www.amtso.org/ conducted testing.

## 2. Report Summary

This 2024 Advanced Cloud Firewall CyberRisk Validation Report provides test results for the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection. Table 1 summarizes the product's overall validation results around security effectiveness, resistance to false positives, operational efficiency, and SSL/TLS security efficacy of the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection solution validated against SecureIQLab ACFW v1.6 methodology.

ACFW Test Categories	Juniper Networks ACFW Score	SecurelQLab ACFW Group Test Average Score
Security Efficacy	51.3%	67.2%
Resistance to False Positives	99.6%	89.8%
Operational Efficiency	61.6%	75.2%
SSL/TLS Security Efficacy	100.0%	68.4%

#### Table 1. Juniper Networks ACFW Result Summary



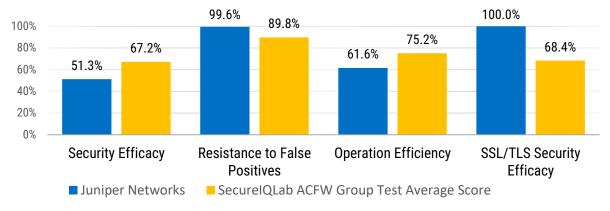


Figure 2. Overall Result Summary: Juniper Networks ACFW vs SecurelQLab ACFW Group Test Average

Overall Result Summary: Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection displayed notably performance, particularly excelling in the SSL/TLS Security Efficacy and Resistance to False Positive, as evaluated against the overall SecureIQLab ACFW group test. Furthermore, Juniper Networks demonstrated above or near-average scores across all primary enterprise categories outlined in the SecureIQLab ACFW validation methodology selection criteria.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>SecureIQLab ACFW v1.6 methodology</u>

### 3. ACFW Test Overview

Advanced Cloud Firewalls (ACFWs) must effectively counter the emergence of advanced attack vectors, novel strategies, and new attack surfaces, thwarting threats that are complex and customized. Beyond merely being aware of application use of the internet, they should possess capabilities to inspect packet content and search for Indicators of Attack (IOA) within the data stream. This test was designed to confirm how well the tested ACFW was able to:

- Identify permitted applications and block prohibited applications.
- Identify and block threats attempting to use "known good" ports and protocols.
- Identify and block threats that attempt evasive tactics, such as non-standard ports or "port hopping."
- Identify and block threats encrypted with SSL/TLS.
- Identify users, groups, and locations, and apply policy regardless of I.P. address.
- Identify and block outbound data leaks.
- Identify and block outbound Botnet Command and Control communications.
- Enable secure business workflow with a high detection rate and low Signal-to-Noise ratio.
- Provide global visibility and granular policy management.
- Provide all necessary alerts and configuration recommendations based on best practices.

SecureIQLab defines prevention as a 24/7 automated response offering without human intervention. This can be achieved through various technologies and mechanisms, including signature-based models, policy-based models, behavior-based models, and machine learning (ML) or artificial intelligence (AI)-based models. This definition is technology-agnostic, focusing on outcomes of the various analyst workflows and scenarios rather than the specific prevention technology. ACFWs, when deployed in a stand-alone mode, are expected to prevent both initial and ongoing attacks while also providing robust reporting capabilities.

The SecurelQLab ACFW v1.6 validation methodology was tailored towards the prevention and reporting capabilities for security and compliance. Configurations typically included multiple security and compliance applications such as Vulnerability Protection, Anti-Spyware, Antivirus, URL Filtering, and DNS Security. By default, when configuring, "detect" settings were set to "protect" or "block". SecurelQLab then performed any required tuning according to recommended vendor best practices for operational scenarios involving cloud deployments<sup>4</sup>.

# 3.1 ACFW Deployment Overview

Per SecurelQLab's methodology, all ACFW vendors were requested to configure their products based on best practices that enterprises should implement when deploying the firewall in their organizations. The intent of this testing methodology is to mirror a successful customer experience during the deployment and management of the product.

During the evaluation, SecureIQLab ensured product updates and configuration changes were executed through a central management console: cloud or on-prem device portal. This approach aimed to cover all test scenarios from start to finish to the greatest extent possible.

For a more comprehensive understanding of our testing methods, refer to version 1.6 of the SecureIQLab 2023 <u>ACFW CyberRisk Validation Methodology</u> (AMTSO Test ID: AMTSO-LS1-TP070).

<sup>4</sup> Juniper Networks <u>Deployment Guide</u>.



### 4. Security Efficacy Results

Advanced Cloud firewalls should be designed to protect cloud-based resources and applications, shielding them from unauthorized access and prevalent cyber threats.

Each ACFW solution evaluated in this test underwent scrutiny across multiple distinct enterprise-centric categories, involving attack vectors of more than 1000 real-world operational scenarios. These scenarios used real world attacks that have targeted small-to-medium size businesses, enterprises, and other organizations. The comprehensive testing performed by SecureIQLab reflects our commitment to innovation and continuous improvement. Moving forward, SecureIQLab plans to continue to augment attack libraries and incorporate additional relevant operational metrics as needed in future iterations of this test.

The Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection was tested against 13 attack types within four primary standard threat categories. Table 2 below presents the results of these tests. Figure 3 below presents an overview of the SecureIQLab findings during the security effectiveness validation and reporting of the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection. This includes the standard threat category score, the advanced threat category score, the operational accuracy score, and the SSL/TLS threat efficacy score from the methodology. These sections of the methodology were selected for presentation because these sections tested each ACFW against the four primary standard threat categories.

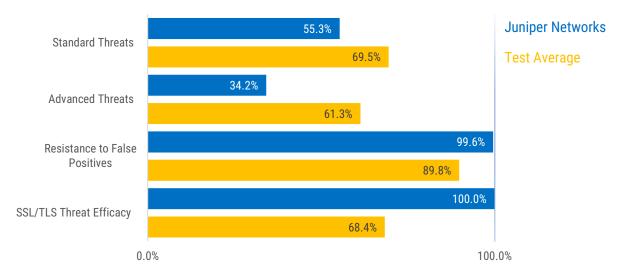


Figure 3. Juniper Networks Advanced Cloud Firewall Security Effectiveness

4.1 Common Cloud Firewall Threat Categories (Standard Threats)

The Common Cloud Firewall Threat (Standard Threats) average scores are calculated by averaging the scores for each threat type together within their respective attack category.



Standard Threat Types	Juniper Networks ACFW Inspection Score	SecurelQLab ACFW Group Test Average Score
Application-Based Threats		
Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Attacks – HTTP	Contact SecurelQLab	75.5%
Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Attacks – HTTPS	Contact SecurelQLab	67.1%
Malicious URL Attacks	82.3%	68.0%
Malware & Botnets		
Malware Download over HTTPS	66.5%	61.3%
Compressed Malicious Files	81.8%	60.2%
Botnets	100.0%	58.3%
Browser-Based Threats		
Browser Exploits	10.0%	74.0%
Cookie Stealing - HTTP	35.0%	85.0%
Cookie Stealing - HTTPS	100.0%	100.0%
Browser Version and Plugin-in Control	50.0%	60.0%
Obfuscated JavaScript	100.0%	90.0%
Data-loss and Leakage		
Phishing Site-Based Attacks	51.2%	56.6%
Adware Site Prevention	PASS	PASS
Standard Threats Average Score	55.3%	69.5%

#### Table 2. Standard Threats Protection Testing

The Juniper Networks ACFW demonstrated superior blocking capabilities, particularly in the Cooking Stealing (HTTPS), obfuscated JavaScript, and Botnets.



# 4.2 Advanced Cloud Firewall Threat Categories

Advanced Cloud firewalls must extend their protective capabilities to counter advanced threats, which are often sophisticated, highly evolved, and challenging to detect or neutralize. Such threats may employ various tactics and techniques to circumvent traditional security measures. As a pivotal component of any organization's cybersecurity infrastructure, a robust cloud firewall should possess threat detection capabilities, be able to identify suspicious network traffic patterns and have the capacity to block in real time.

The Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection was tested against eight attack types classified as advanced threats. Table 3 below provides the results from these tests.

Advanced Threat Classification	Juniper Networks ACFW Inspection Score	SecurelQLab ACFW Group Test Average Score
Advanced Evasive Techniques (Application-based)	66.3%	79.6%
Advanced Evasive Techniques (Network-based)	50.0%	75.0%
Known Malicious Files	57.0%	60.2%
Malicious Documents	50.0%	59.3%
Active Cloud-Based Threats (aka Active Threats)	Contact SecurelQLab	46.5%
Advanced Persistent Threats (APT)	Contact SecurelQLab	65.0%
Cloud-Centric Post Exploitation Techniques (Post-Exploitation – DNS Tunnelling)	Contact SecureIQLab	45.0%
Cloud-Centric Post Exploitation Techniques (Post-Exploitation – ICMP Tunnelling)	50.0%	60.0%
Advanced Threats Average Score	34.2%	61.3%

#### Table 3. Advanced (Non-Standard) Threat Protection Testing

The Advanced Cloud Firewall Threat average scores are calculated by averaging the scores for each threat type together within their respective attack category. Juniper Networks' ACFW Inspection Score approached the group test average score in five categories of this test.

### 4.3 Operational Accuracy Category

False positive testing was included in the scope of this test because an Advanced Cloud Firewall that prevents 100% of malicious attacks but also prevents legitimate (non-malicious) actions can be vastly disruptive. SecureIQLab used appropriate tools and techniques to ensure that the tested firewall products



do not generate significant numbers of alerts with legitimate applications and processes in an enterprise environment. This section of the methodology was performed at the same time as and as part of the validation workflow and other independent sections wherever feasible. The aim is to ensure that the firewall products did not prevent malicious traffic at the expense of operational accuracy.

The Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection was tested for operational accuracy under real-world scenarios during the entire test cycle, and Table 4 below provides the results from these tests.

Operational Accuracy test	Juniper Networks ACFW Score	SecurelQLab ACFW Group Test Average Score
Resistance to False Positive Test	99.6%	89.8%

#### Table 4. Operational Accuracy

The Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection performed above average in this test and achieved a near perfect score.

## 4.4 ACFW SSL/TLS Support

Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) and its secure analogue HTTPS have long been crucial internet protocols. HTTPS uses encryption to enhance browsing safety by establishing secure connections between browsers, applications, and websites. To identify the attacks or threats in encrypted connections, the firewall must inspect the encrypted traffic using SSL/TLS ciphers and the associated techniques for managing encrypted connections. To detect a threat concealed within encrypted data, the firewall must decrypt packets, inspect the content, and take necessary action.

For each ACFW tested, SecureIQLab tested 22 of the TLS v1.2 ciphers and 3 TLS v1.3 ciphers. The testing included combinations of ciphers between clients and servers to analyze firewall behavior with weak ciphers, to assess how the firewall behaved to communication using different ciphers, and to evaluate the ACFW's ability to fall back or enforce secure ciphers during communication.

The Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection was tested for overall SSL/TLS threat efficacy and its ability to protect against attacks delivered through the supported ciphers in real-world scenarios. The Juniper Networks ACFW successfully identified, detected, and prevented all the attacks throughout the entire SSL/TLS test cycle on all supported ciphers. Table 5 below presents the results of these tests.

SSL/TLS Threat Efficacy Test	Juniper Networks ACFW Overall Metric	SecurelQLab ACFW Group Test Average Score
Overall SSL/TLS Security Efficacy	100.0%	68.4%

#### Table 5. SSL/TLS Threat Efficacy

The Juniper Networks ACFW performed better than average and obtained a perfect score. This is notable given that the average was so low.

The cipher suites for TLS v1.2, as highlighted in Table 6 below, were tested for the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection.



TLSv1.2 Ciphers	TLS Support	TLS Handshake Result	Attack Traffic Prevention within TLS Session	Operational Validation with Operational TLS Traffic
AES128-GCM-SHA256	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
AES128-SHA	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
AES256-GCM-SHA384	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
AES256-SHA	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
AES256-SHA256	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA256	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
DHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA256	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA384	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
ECDHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass

Table 6. TLS v1.2 cipher Support

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The Juniper Networks ACFW passed all TLS v1.2 ciphers tested.

The cipher suites for TLS v1.3, as highlighted in Table 7 below, were tested for the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection.

TLSv1.3 Ciphers	TLS Support	TLS Handshake Result	Attack Traffic Prevention within TLS Session	Operational Validation with Operational TLS Traffic
AES256-GCM-SHA384	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
CHACHA20-POLY1305-SHA256	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass
AES128-GCM-SHA256	Yes	Successful	Pass	Pass

Table 7. TLS v1.3 cipher Support

As can be seen from the above, the Juniper Networks ACFW was able to successfully handle packet decryption and inspection.

# 5. Security Resiliency Results

Security products must demonstrate overall resiliency, as failure to do so can have significant consequences. The Department of Defense (DoD) defines security resilience as "The ability of systems to resist, absorb, and recover from or adapt to an adverse occurrence during operation that may cause harm, destruction, or loss of ability to perform mission-related functions."

SecureIQLab has adopted a novel approach to define the firewall resiliency metrics. Our security resiliency rating combines security efficacy with key operational and cloud-based performance metrics based on a real-world scenario. This holistic approach considers the firewall's security efficacy (threat protection) and operational efficiency metrics mapped to crucial capabilities and ACFW workflows relevant to enterprise use cases subjected to real-world traffic.

The security resiliency test used a simulated real-world cloud-based traffic mix. The traffic mix was based on internet use by eight specific industry verticals: Enterprise, Small-to-Medium Businesses (SMB), Remote Office Branch Office (ROBO), Healthcare and Educational organizations, Media and Entertainment, and Financial and Retail organizations. As outlined in v1.6 of the SecurelQLab Advanced Cloud Firewall CyberRisk Validation Methodology, the primary objective of the security resiliency-based test is NOT to push the cloud security solution under test to its maximum limits but to ensure it remains operationally and functionally viable up to at least at 50% of its throughput.

The ability of the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection to pass each stage of the security resiliency test was based on the following criteria:

- **PASS** = Security resiliency protection rate (%) must be  $\ge$  95% against all attacks under load.
- **PASS** = Overall solution throughput (%) must be ≥ 95% (at steady state) of the maximum tested ACFW cloud throughput numbers.



• **PASS** = Overall application traffic success rate (%) must be ≥ 95% of all real-world application traffic validated against a specific cloud-based scenario.

The Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection was tested for security resiliency under real-world scenarios during the entire test cycle, and Table 8 below provides the results from these tests.

Real World Cloud-based Traffic Scenario Mix	Security Resiliency Protection Rating	Overall Solution Throughput	Overall Application Traffic Success Rate
Media and Entertainment Companies	Pass	Pass	Pass
Healthcare Organization	Pass	Pass	Pass
Financial Institution	Pass	Pass	Pass
Enterprise	Pass	Pass	Pass
Small-to-Medium Business (SMB)	Pass	Pass	Pass
Educational Institution	Pass	Pass	Pass
Retail Companies	Pass	Pass	Pass
Remote office Branch Office (ROBO)	Pass	Pass	Pass

Table 8. Security Resiliency

The Juniper Networks ACFW passed all Security Resiliency tests.

### 6. Operational Efficiency Results

ACFW operational efficiency measures the tested ACFW's operating burden and complexity of setup and use. As such, the Operational Efficiency Score measures both the ability of the ACFW to detect and respond to cyber-attacks appropriately and ease of use. The operational efficiency was evaluated by considering factors such as:

- The ease of tuning the ACFW security policy and configuration (pre-and-post deployment).
- The solution's incident response and management intuitiveness from a policy and security configuration perspective.
- Compliance check.
- Risk assessment and mitigation capabilities.
- Enhanced security metrics reporting capabilities.
- The ease of managing and controlling assets and business continuity with appropriate configuration and policy backup (with restoration).



In the analysis, the Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection was rated high, medium, or low across 12 operational efficiency categories, as identified in Table 8 below. For more details on each of the categories, please <u>contact SecureIQLab</u>.

The Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection was tested for operational efficiency, considering real-world enterprise procurement, deployment, and active scenarios throughout the test life cycle. Table 9 below presents an overall operational efficiency score of 61.6%.

Operational Efficiency	Juniper Networks ACFW Score	SecurelQLab ACFW Group Test Average Score
<b>Overall Operational Efficiency Score</b>	61.6%	75.2%

Table 9. Overall Operational Efficiency Score

Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection solution had seven high operational efficiency capabilities in the 12 validated categories of operational efficiency, as highlighted in Table 10 below.

ACFW Operational Efficiency Metrics	Juniper Networks	SecurelQLab ACFW Group Test Average Score
Security Policy Configuration	Med	Med
Security Policy Management	Med	High
Asset Management	Low	High
Access Control	High	High
Compliance Management	High	High
Business Continuity Management	High	Med
<b>Risk Assessment &amp; Mitigation</b>	Low	Med
Security Metrics Reporting	High	High
Backup & Restore	High	Med
Analytics	Med	Med
Customer Support	High	Med
License Management	High	High

Table 10: Operational Efficiency Results.

Table 10 shows that the Juniper Networks ACFW performed better than average and ranked high in Business Continuity Management, Backup & Restore, and Customer Support.



### 7. Key ACFW Solution Differentiators – Vendor Perspective

Juniper Networks provided the following information for why customers choose Juniper Networks' security solutions:

Juniper Networks is dedicated to revolutionizing network operations and delivering exceptional experiences for end users. Juniper Networks' solutions deliver industry-leading insight, automation, security, and AI to drive tangible business outcomes. Renowned for its robust security features, Juniper Networks offers integrated next-generation firewall (NGFW) protection with application awareness, user identity, and content inspection across all deployment models-physical, virtual, containerized, and as-a-service. Juniper Networks' comprehensive security suite includes advanced threat detection, intrusion prevention, and encryption capabilities, consolidating multiple security functions into a unified platform built on a common architecture. Designed to scale dynamically, Juniper's cloud firewall solution effortlessly adapts to evolving business needs, accommodating increased network traffic or additional security requirements without compromising performance. In addition, Juniper's solution provides unparalleled visibility into network traffic and security events, empowering customers to detect and respond to threats in real-time. Advanced analytics and reporting capabilities offer valuable insights for proactive threat mitigation and compliance management, ensuring robust security posture.

One of the hallmarks of Juniper Networks' approach is its emphasis on the ease of use and centralized management, which enable seamless policy enforcement and rapid response to security incidents across distributed cloud environments. This centralized control enhances operational efficiency and streamlines security management, allowing organizations to effectively safeguard their networks while minimizing complexity.

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#### 8. Conclusion

The Juniper Networks vSRX Premium Next-Generation Virtual Firewall with Anti-Virus Protection includes Anti-Spam, IDP Signature, APPID Signature, Anti-Virus with Sophos Engine, Web Filtering EWF, Virtual Appliance, and Cloud based Advanced Threat Prevention on SRX Firewall performed admirably, approaching the average levels for both Security Efficacy and Operational Efficiency. Remarkably, Juniper Networks outperformed the average and achieved a perfect score in the SSL/TLS Security Efficacy test, which is impressive considering the low average score in this area. Additionally, Juniper Networks performed above the average and attained a near-perfect score the Operational Accuracy test. Juniper Networks demonstrated superior blocking capabilities in areas such as Cookie Stealing (HTTPS), Obfuscated JavaScript, and Botnets.

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